

TOWN OF ENFIELD E-NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021

WELCOME MESSAGE

Greetings! And welcome to a New Year!

Municipal officials and staff in the Town of Enfield are dedicated to promoting a high-functioning and close-knit community that appeals to all our residents and visitors. To this end, we are committed to providing accurate information and quality services to members of our community at all times. In the interest of helping to keep residents informed of important “goings on” in town, we produce a town-wide newsletter that is disseminated by email on a monthly basis to all individuals who subscribe to the mailing list. Our hope is that the number of recipients on this list will continue to grow over time to ensure that most households receive these important updates.



If you have friends or family who may be interested in receiving the electronic newsletter, please forward a copy of this newsletter to them.

Subscribing to the electronic newsletter is easy and straightforward. You simply have to:

- Go to the below page on the town's website:
www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe
- Enter your email address in the “Your Email” field
- Check the box for “Town News & Announcements” Check the “I am not a robot” box and follow the prompts
- Click the “Subscribe me” navigation button at the bottom of the page

Thank you for being a part of our community. We hope you find this and future newsletters both informative and enjoyable. Please don't hesitate to contact Jack Wozmak, Interim Town Manager, at 603-442-5405 or townmanager@enfield.nh.us, if you have constructive feedback on how the depth and breadth of information provided in the newsletter can be optimized to meet the needs of our residents.

Find us at www.enfield.nh.us and [Facebook!](#)



>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> **LATEST NEWS** <<<<<<<<<<<<<<<

MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Courtesy of Jean Patten, we have photos of the construction progress on the new pavilion at the Mascoma Lakeside Park.



Although the committee has officially raised the additional \$135,000 in private funds needed to match (dollar for a dollar) a \$135,000 matching grant from the Northern Borders Regional Commission to help fund improvements to the park property (which is a major achievement), private fundraising efforts are still needed to ensure that we have the financing required to complete all the planned improvements.



An online version of the pledge agreement can be accessed here:

<http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/mlppledgeagreement.pdf>

You may enclose a check with your completed pledge agreement, but if you'd rather pay later you may do that. Send in your donation when it's convenient, with the words "Mascoma Lakeside Park" clearly noted in the memo field. Or you can choose to wait, and a member of the Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee will contact you for payment on the date or dates you specify in your pledge. Thank you for your support! This is an incredibly important effort for our community.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Interim Town Manager at 603-442-5405 or townmanager@enfield.nh.us if you have related questions or interest in lending your support to this important community project.

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM COMES TO MASCOMA LAKESIDE PARK

The Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee is delighted to welcome Master Gardener intern Pattie Fried who will be volunteering her garden and landscaping expertise as we move forward with long range planning for the park. Pattie is excited to be using the Mascoma Lakeside Park for her community service project as part of the requirements to become a Master Gardener. As a participant in the Master Gardening program, she will have

several mentor/experts to call upon at no cost to the Town. Pattie's focus will be on native plantings and protecting the lake through appropriate shoreline planting, working closely with NH Lakes Association and NH Department of Environmental Services. Pattie and her husband live in Enfield on Mascoma Lake.

Pattie is thrilled to have found a Master Gardener Internship opportunity in her community. It is her hope to create garden spaces that will enhance the beauty and functionality of this incredible spot. Spaces that will provide, not only beauty, but educational opportunities highlighting our native plants and ecosystems right here in Enfield.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

The Town holiday tree lighting took place on December 13th along with the 44th Annual Children's Christmas Party. The children enjoyed a COVID Safe, No Contact, Drive-Through Christmas Event courtesy of the Enfield Outing Club and Enfield's Police and Fire Departments. You can see a short video of the tree lighting on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/1886518335001639/videos/712042146155006>

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES EVALUATION PROJECT UPDATES

On December 14th, a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Library Trustees was held to discuss next steps for the Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee's (MFAC) recommended Whitney Hall expansion/renovation. The Library Trustees voted unanimously to endorse the MFAC Whitney Hall/Library Facility solution with the hope of going to Town Meeting in 2022. The Board of Selectmen voted, with two in favor and one abstention, to endorse the MFAC Whitney Hall/Town Office solution with the hope of going to Town Meeting in 2022.

Public forums and other opportunities for public engagement will be arranged over the coming year.

The Board of Selectmen, at their regular meeting of January 4th, will discuss the next steps for the recommended Public Safety facility. This meeting will be held via Zoom videoconference. If you don't have a computer or other device to join with video you can join by phone by calling one of the phone numbers provided. Zoom meeting information can be found on the Town's website here: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/board-selectmen/events/47661>

2021 BUDGET

The Enfield Budget Committee is hard at work on the 2021 Budget for presentation at the Public Budget Hearing scheduled for February 3rd. Following the public hearing, the Budget Committee will finalize its recommended 2021 Budget which will be presented for a vote at Town Meeting. Budget Committee meetings are being held via Zoom videoconference. The public is encouraged to attend. Meeting dates, times and Zoom meeting information can be found on our website at www.enfield.nh.us You'll also find a list of January and February dates, times and links in this newsletter under [UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS](#)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 is already here. The members of the police department want to wish everyone a happy new year. The department was busy in December participating in the Drive Sober state campaign. Remember buzzed driving is drunk driving. In January, the police department will continue with directed patrols to address issues and complaints of speed, distracted driving and impaired drivers.

With the winter months upon us, we would like to remind everyone that when it snows you are required to remove the snow and ice from your vehicle prior to driving. This requirement is known as Jessica's Law and a failure to follow can result in heavy fines and an impact to your license. For more information see link: [Introduction - Jessica's Law \(NH\) - NH Law About ... at New Hampshire Law Library \(libguides.com\)](#)

From the Office of Enfield Emergency Management: COVID-19 Update

Unfortunately, COVID has followed us into 2021. Many of your Enfield first responders have already received or will soon receive the COVID vaccine. The recent holiday season has shown us exactly what we feared it would, and we have seen a large increase in local cases of COVID. This is a reminder that if you were in contact with a person who tested positive for COVID you need to quarantine for 10 days. If you test positive for Covid you need to isolate for minimum of 10 days and be fever free (without meds) for 24 hours prior to coming out of isolation. Follow the link provided for specific information on both quarantine and isolation. [Self Quarantine Guide \(nh.gov\)](#) [Self Isolation Guide \(nh.gov\)](#). We need everyone to follow these guidelines to help protect those who are most at risk in our community. If you have questions or need assistance with food or other issues because of quarantine or isolation please call the station at 603-632-7501.

Last, but not least, as always if you see something say something, the department is here to assist our community. Be safe, put the phone away when driving and wear your mask when in public places.

BUILDING, HEALTH & FIRE INSPECTION DEPARTMENTS

Clear Furnace Vents of Snow or Risk Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Don't get blindsided by carbon monoxide poisoning in your home. During the winter months, it's important to keep your furnace vents and chimneys free of snow. Blocked vents could cause carbon monoxide to build up in your home and cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

A blocked vent can also affect the performance of the unit, which may not operate properly or at all if the vents are blocked. Even if snow accumulation hasn't reached the vents, blowing and drifting snow can create a problem. As a safety measure you should have a carbon monoxide detector; these, along with your smoke detectors, should be checked monthly and the batteries changed twice a year.

It is important to have a qualified service technician perform a yearly maintenance check on all heating equipment and appliances.

Stay Safe.

Town of Enfield
Building, Health and Fire Inspector

Best Wishes to Phil – Welcome Liam

On January 22nd we say our goodbyes to Phil Neily, Building Inspector/Health Officer/Fire Inspector, who will be retiring. Phil has provided the Town with excellent, personal service above and beyond what his position required. We are fortunate that he is willing to stay on in the capacity of Deputy Health Officer to assist with addressing issues related to COVID-19. I know we speak for many of you when we say Phil will be missed. We know he's counting the days to when he can sit back and relax and simply do those things he enjoys doing. Best wishes to Phil in his retirement!

The Town of Enfield would like to welcome Liam Ehrenzweig as our new Inspection Services & Facilities Planning Administrator (ISFP). This is a new title for our Building Inspection department, with expanded duties.

Throughout most of the month of January, Liam will work closely with Phil Neily to familiarize himself with Enfield and the processes within the Building Inspection office. In his role as ISFP, Liam will collaborate closely with landowners, developers, contractors, municipal boards, committees and

departments. Liam will perform all of the duties of the Building Inspector and Health Officer (once formally appointed by the State). We are confident the Town of Enfield's Building Department will continue to enhance the quality of its operations under his leadership.

You can reach out to Liam in the Inspection Services Office, aka Building Inspections Office, at 603-632-4343, inspector@enfield.nh.us, or by cell at 603-678-1112.

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Happy New Year! The month of January is typically a quieter month for transactions. Fortunately, this gives me the time to do the final reconciliations and close the Tax books for 2020, and work on reports for the State and for the Town's Annual Report. The next billing will be for the 4th quarter water/sewer billings which usually are due sometime in early/mid-February. I will also be sending out notices of outstanding balances due for any 2020 Tax, Betterment, Utility, and such type billings sometime in mid-January.

You can check your accounts online, anytime, 24/7 thru the Town's website at www.enfield.nh.us.

To make your payment securely, online by either credit card or ACH (electronic check) go to <https://nhtaxkiosk.com/?KIOSKID=ENFIELD>. We strongly encourage residents to utilize this highly convenient option. If you have any questions about how to make an online payment, please do not hesitate to contact me directly either by email whuntley@enfield.nh.us or by phone 603-632-4201 x 5404. As a reminder, payments for taxes or utilities over the counter may be made by cash or check only. There is also a night-drop box on the outside of the building, just to the left of the entrance door. The night-drop box is brown in color.

OFFICES HOURS for the Tax Collector's Office are:
Mon & Wed, Thurs, & Fri. 8:30am to 3:30pm.
Tuesdays is now the "late day" open 11am – 7pm.

**Please be aware that at the time of this newsletter the Town Office Lobby is closed to over-the-counter transactions due to Covid-19.

I would also like to remind you that the Tax Collector's office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance Martin Luther King, Jr. / Civil Rights Day.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Winter Ban

The Enfield Board of Selectmen wishes to remind citizens of Enfield that the Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 1 through April 1.

No vehicle shall at any time be parked on any public or publicly maintained street, alley, roadway or way open to the public, in a manner that hinders in any fashion the maintenance of the way.

Driveway Snow Placement

A reminder that it is unlawful to plow snow across any and all Town roads or to deposit snow within the traveled portion of a Town road pursuant to RSA 236:20, Paragraph VII, and RSA 41:11.

2021 Transfer Station Stickers Available

The 2021 Transfer Station window stickers are now available. An Enfield vehicle permit sticker must be affixed to the window of your car or truck on the side window behind the front passenger's seat, or with regular cab pick-ups in the lower corner of the rear window behind the passenger.

DPW Staff will be enforcing the sticker requirement at the Transfer Station and the citizen sand pile beginning in early January. In the era of the pandemic please plan ahead and obtain your sticker before you need it.

Permit stickers are available, free of charge, at the Enfield Transfer Station & Recycling Center or Enfield Town Offices (please call the Town Offices at 632-5026 to make arrangements as the lobby is currently closed to the public due to COVID-19). Proof of residency or property ownership is required.

Enfield permit stickers also permit you to access to the driveway sand located at the DPW and use the town beach parking lot on Mascoma Lake (NH Route 4A, opposite the boat launch and Shaker Bridge). Please note that parking at the boat launch is for those launching boats and handicapped parking only.

Water/Sewer Bills

Fourth quarter water and sewer bills will be mailed out in early January.

Water/Sewer Rate Changes

Effective January 1, 2021 the water and sewer user charges will be increased. The water usage rate for both consumption charges and fixed charges has been increase by 5%. On the sewer side only the consumption charges have been increased by 8%. The rate chart is available on the Town Website at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/water-sewer/files/watersewer-rate-table-2021-adopted>

Community Building Dumpster

The Board of Selectmen decided to remove the dumpster at the Community Building for the winter due to frequent misuse and the lack of events scheduled at the Community Building due to COVID-19. It will be put back in a new fenced enclosure to be constructed in the spring.

Driveway Sand

Driveway sand is available at the DPW during their business hours (Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM) and is located at the top of the driveway in the bin on the right. It is open to Enfield residents with a current Transfer Station Sticker. It is not intended for commercial applicators or to be taken in commercial volumes. Salt, ledge sand and materials in the shed are NOT available.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees can be recycled at the Public Works Facility. Please leave trees free of all decorations in the area to the right of driveway sand bin just before entering the main yard.

LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held one hearing in December. They heard an application from ENH Town Garage Solar, LLC (Norwich Solar Technologies) requesting a special exception for a roof mounted net-metered solar array to be placed at the Enfield Department of Public Works Facility at 74 Lockhaven Road (Map 11, Lot 20-4). This application was approved, and construction is set to begin soon. The plan is for the Town to purchase power at a discount from the solar collection system (known as a power purchase agreement or PPA). In other news, the ZBA's recent decision to deny a variance application to property owners on Crystal Lake Road for a deck and stairs within the 50ft setback has been appealed to the Grafton County Superior Court. The "certified record" is being assembled and forwarded to the Town's legal counsel for court proceedings. Please remember that all Zoom login information, meeting agendas and previous meeting minutes are available on the ZBA section of the Town's website at: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/zoning-board-adjustment>.

The Planning Board (PB) will meet again on Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00 pm via the Zoom web meeting platform. They will be discussing the Master Planning project/work and the newly formed Master Planning Task Force. The Master Planning Task Force will meet on Monday, January 11th at 6:00 pm on Zoom as well. This committee is tasked to help the Planning Board facilitate a completely new Master Plan for the Town. All meetings are open to the public and minutes are being kept and will be available on the Town's dedicated Master Planning website: www.enfield-leaps.org. As always, Zoom web meeting

login information, meeting agendas and previous meeting minutes are all available on the Planning Board section of the Town's website at: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/planning-board>.

If you have an idea for your land, be it a subdivision or a concept for a new business, feel free to reach out to the Land Use Department of the Town for a discussion. You can contact the Town's Land Use Administrator, Rob Taylor, Monday to Friday at 603-442-5427 or by email at: planning@enfield.nh.us. You may also have an in person meeting at 74 Lockehaven Road, however due to COVID-19 protocols, you must schedule these meetings ahead of time. Happy New Year!

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

The Enfield Cemetery Ordinance requires that all cemetery decorations and flowers shall be removed each year. Please note decorations and flowers may be replaced on May 15th. Burials are suspended after November 15th and will resume on April 15th.

Please contact the Cemetery Sexton, Bridget Labrie at 802-332-5363 (cell) or email cemetery@enfield.nh.us to schedule a burial or to purchase a lot. Please keep all decorations in line with the headstones to allow maintenance operations to take place. For additional information about cemetery rules and regulations please visit- <https://www.enfield.nh.us/boardcemetery-trustees> A big thank you to our Grounds crew for keeping our cemeteries looking great this year.

RECREATION

Information and Registration for Enfield and Regional Recreation opportunities can be found at <https://mvpr.recdesk.com>

Enfield Recreation

Any questions about Enfield Recreation, please contact Ed Winters, Enfield Recreation Director, at recreation@enfield.nh.us

Line Dancing

Have you tried out our Thursday evening line dancing class yet? Grab a friend and join professional dance instructor Jamie Orr on Thursdays, beginning January 7, from 1:15-2:15pm at the Enfield Community Building. This is a fun and friendly class and they dance to ALL types of music. Facemasks are required.

Chair Yoga & Exercise

The Enfield Recreation Department continues to offer the highly attended Chair 12 Yoga/Exercise classes at the Enfield Community Building. These classes are low impact and focus on stretching, balance, strength and meditation. The classes are only \$5.00 and open to ALL levels!! No RSVP required. 9:30 am - 10:30 am. Facemasks are required.

- Monday, January 4
 - Wednesday, January 6
 - Friday, January 8
 - Friday, January 15
 - Tuesday, January 19
 - Monday, January 25
 - Wednesday, January 27
 - Friday, January 29
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- Monday, February 1
 - Friday, February 5
 - Monday, February 8
 - Wednesday, February 10
 - Friday, February 12
 - Tuesday, February 16
 - Monday, February 22
 - Wednesday, February 24
 - Friday, February 26

Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation

After several dedicated years of service, our part-time Regional Recreation Coordinator, Kati Jopek, has stepped down. Kati has been incredibly committed to recreation programs in our region and will be missed. Bridget Labrie has been hired as the new Regional Recreation Coordinator.

MYSL basketball is currently working with the Mascoma District's administration to hold the youth basketball program. Please complete the survey if you have a child interested in playing. The program will likely start in January unless there are changes due to COVID.

Mascoma Recreation is also working with the school and Whaleback to have the after-school ski program. More details will be coming once they have been formalized.

COMING SOON! The Mascoma and Enfield Recreation departments are looking at creating a survey for our community to see what activities you currently enjoy and what you may want to see in the future. Please be on the lookout for the survey so we can collect as much input as possible.

For any questions about the Mascoma Valley Parks & Recreation please contact Bridget at mvalleyrec@gmail.com.

“KNOW YOUR TOWN”

The following is the first “Know your Town” story presented by the Enfield Heritage Commission. Each month we’ll bring you a bit of insight into the origins of street names or places you see every day. We’ll begin (for no particular reason) with Lockehaven Road.

For a quiet town in New Hampshire, Enfield’s urban development has been surprisingly dynamic. Since the area was first divided and transferred under British rule, Enfield has seen its centers of population, commerce and names change several times. Smaller Enfield Center was once a busier commercial area than today’s downtown, which was once known as North Enfield. West and East Enfield are names that mean little to today’s Enfield residents. And who recognizes Chebacco Street?

Chebacco, Chebacco Street and East Enfield are what we now call Lockehaven and the eastern part of Lockehaven Road. Likewise, the body of water associated with this area of Enfield has been called Deep Lake, Johnson’s Pond, East Pond and now Crystal Lake. The name “Chebacco” came with settlers from Massachusetts, while “Lockehaven” honored Edwin E. Locke, who purchased a homestead that belonged to the Johnson family in 1885.

Locke’s first sight of the property was inauspicious. He arrived by open sleigh in the winter and, having left a lantern in Canaan, saw the property only by the light of matches. Nevertheless, the location near the snow-covered East Pond was appealing and Locke signed for the property. In April Locke finally took possession of his new home in East Enfield after braving the mud of West Canaan Road—now called Mud Pond Road.

Locke became such a prominent member of his new community that when residents decided they were “not satisfied with all places adjoining Enfield being identified only by points on the compass”, they adopted the more romantic name of “Lockehaven” with “Main Road” becoming Lockehaven Road.

Lockehaven had a Post Office located in Edwin Locke's home. The office was established in 1891 and Locke was the first postmaster.

Next door to Locke’s home was a meeting house in disrepair, which he bought. Locke had the steeple removed (school was suspended so children could watch the operation) and the building was converted into a popular venue for concerts, parties and dances. Although Locke’s plays have faded from memory, his granddaughter recalled one play that was set in Montana and

written at the request of Frank James, the brother of bandit Jesse James. Frank James proposed coming to visit and see the play, but Locke's wife made sure no invitation ever reached the notorious bank robber's brother. Who knew that our visits to the transfer station on Lockehaven Road connect Enfield residents to a piece of the Wild West?

Sources: *Enfield New Hampshire 1761-2000. The History of a Town Influenced by the Shakers*. Ed. Nancy Blanchard Sanborn.
Marjorie Carr, Town Historian

>>>>>>>>>> MEETINGS & EVENTS <<<<<<<<<<<<

IMPORTANT DATES

- **January 1** –All Town Offices are closed for New Year’s Day. Curbside rubbish collection will experience a one-day delay.
- **January 18** – All Town Offices are closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. / Civil Rights Day.
- **January 20** – First day to declare candidacy for local elected office with the Town Clerk. A notice listing the open elected offices will be posted soon.
- **January 29** – Last day to declare candidacy for local elected office with the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk’s Office will be open, Friday, January 29th until 5:00 PM. Due to COVID-19, please look for instructions for filing for elected office in the event our lobby is still closed to the public.
- **February 2** – Last day to petition the Selectmen to include an article on the Town Meeting warrant. Submit your petition to the Town Clerk’s Office. Contact the Town Manager’s Office at 603-632-5026 or abonnette@enfield.nh.us if you need assistance. We’re here to help!
- **February 3** – [Public Budget Hearing @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\)](#) Just as with schools holding remote learning on "snow days" it is highly unlikely the Town will need the scheduled snow date for the Public Budget Hearing (February 4). If, however, a winter storm prevents the Budget Committee from holding the hearing as scheduled, the snow date will be utilized.
- **February 4** – [Snow Date – Public Budget Hearing @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\)](#)
- **February 15** – All Town Offices are closed for President’s Day

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Town continues to hold board and committee meetings using the Zoom video conferencing app. To join a Zoom meeting simply go to the Town's website at www.enfield.nh.us, find the meeting you want to attend on the calendar on the home page, click on the meeting heading and it will open up with all of the details. Simply click on the Zoom meeting link and it will open a video window. (You may need to download the Zoom app, but it won't take long.) ***You can also join with audio only by calling one of the numbers provided.*** Join us at one of our upcoming Zoom meetings listed below. The meeting listings below are linked to our website where you will find the Zoom information for that meeting. If Zoom information isn't yet posted, don't despair, it will be posted on our website before the meeting date. When a meeting begins, if you have problems connecting simply call the local number provided for assistance.

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Due to COVID-19, for as long as it is permissible in the State of New Hampshire, Board and Committee meetings will continue to be held via Zoom video conference, with a few exceptions. Meeting notices are included on the calendar on the Town's website at www.enfield.nh.us and specifics on location, including joining the meeting via Zoom, if applicable, will be posted there. Once the need for social distancing has been lifted, meetings will once again be held at a physical location.

- [January 4 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [January 5 @ 3:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [January 6 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Budget Committee](#)
- [January 12 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Zoning Board of Adjustment](#)
- [January 14 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Budget Committee](#)
- [January 14 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Cemetery Trustees](#)
- [January 19 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [January 21 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Budget Committee \(tentative\)](#)
- [January 26 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Energy Committee](#)
- [January 28 @ 4:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Heritage Commission](#)
- [February 2 @ 3:30 PM \(via Zoom\) – Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee](#)
- [February 2 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)
- [February 3 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Public Budget Hearing](#)
- [February 4 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Conservation Commission](#)
- [February 10 @ 7:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Planning Board](#)
- [February 16 @ 6:00 PM \(via Zoom\) – Board of Selectmen](#)

>>>>>>>>>>>>> **COMMUNITY EVENTS** <<<<<<<<<<<<<

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

A large red cross symbol centered on a white background.

Blood Drive

Enfield Community

Enfield Community Building

308 US-4

12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

[242] - Order ID: 1150581 - Item ID: 4554665 - Qty: 1 of 1 - 034510575- 2015APL01553- AP34- 213468

Community Bulletin Board

Include a notice of your Community Event on our Community & Business Calendar of Events which you'll find on our website on the Community & Business main page: <https://www.enfield.nh.us/community-businesses>. Previous posts on the Community Bulletin Board that were informational in nature, but not events, can be found under the appropriate department page. For instance, Friends of Mascoma Food Pantry information can be found on the Human Services page under Food Assistance.

Do you have a Community Event to share? Send all of the particulars, and a digital photo or poster to abonnette@enfield.nh.us and we'll post it for you.

>>>>>>> **RECENT NEWS FROM PAST ISSUES** <<<<<<<<<

TOWN OFFICES TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

With rising public health concerns surrounding increased incidences of COVID-19, due in part to gatherings during this holiday season, Enfield's Town Offices closed to the public effective November 30. Services will continue to be provided without interruption just as they did following closure of the Town offices this past spring. The opening of the Town Offices will be reviewed following the holiday season.



Enfield Town Manager's Office:

Jack Wozmak, Interim Town Manager
603-632-5026, ext. 5405
townmanager@enfield.nh.us

Alisa Bonnette, Assistant Town Manager
603-632-5026, ext. 5401
abonnette@enfield.nh.us

• Notary Services

The Enfield Town Offices has suspended Notary Services.

- Municipal Facilities – Events Canceled

We will be reaching out to all groups who will be affected by the following changes:

- Community Building:

Due to the need to protect our citizens from undue exposure to the coronavirus all private functions scheduled at the Enfield Community Building are canceled, effective immediately (November 16, 2020) until further notice. Limited use by local community groups will continue, however the use of the Community Building will be under constant review and use is subject to change at any time. No new reservations or applications are being accepted at this time.

- Public Works Facility & Town Hall Conference Room

Use of these spaces will be available for essential Town meetings only. Private groups will not have access to the building until further notice.

- Enfield Punch Cards & Lebanon Punch Cards for trash disposal

Payment for Enfield Punch Cards (\$25) and Lebanon Punch Cards (\$15) can be left in the drop box outside the Town Offices. Please include your name and mailing address and punch cards will be put in the mail at the end of the same business day.

Other Town Office Services are by appointment only. Enfield and Lebanon punch cards will be available to you if you have an appointment for other business with the Town.

- All Other Services

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Town Manager's Office at 603-632-5026 or email the individual you wish to contact for assistance with any other Town Office Services.

Assessing Department:

Julie Huntley, Assessing Administrator

603-632-5026, ext. 5406

603-442-5406 (direct line)

jahuntley@enfield.nh.us

Exemptions, Tax Credits, Current Use Applications

The following have an April 15th filing deadline.

- o Elderly Exemptions

- o Veteran's Tax Credits

- o Tax Deferrals

- o Current Use Applications

- o Exempt Property Applications (Charitable, Religious, Educational)

These items have no filing deadlines.

- o Timber Intents
- o Gravel Intents

Applications can be mailed, e-mailed or left in the drop box outside the Town Offices. Our Assessing Administrator can respond via phone, e-mail or by USPS mail.

Property Information

Access is available online at <https://www.axisgis.com/enfieldnh/>

- o Property Record Cards
- o Tax Maps
- o Deeds

Information not available online includes:

- o Septic Designs
- o Building Permit Information
- o Sales Data

The Assessing Administrator can scan and email information to customers. Contact her for records requests or help navigating the online property records. Any in-person meetings will be limited to those that are essential and will be by appointment only.

Finance Department:

Mary Ann Crandall, Bookkeeper
603-632-5026, ext. 5407
macrandall@enfield.nh.us

All vendors are asked to submit invoices by email to our bookkeeper, or the specific department they are doing business with, if at all possible to limit handling of mail.

Tax Collector's Office:

Wendy Huntley, Tax Collector
603-632-5026, Ext. 5404
whuntley@enfield.nh.us

You can access Property Tax bills, Water & Sewer bills, and more, online. Simply go to <https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments> Office visits for payments are temporarily suspended. Payments can be made online using ACH (e-check) with a fee of only 95 cents. Payments online made by credit card have an additional fee of 2.95%. (Unfortunately, we are unable to waive that fee.) Payments made by check or money order can be left in the drop box outside the Town Offices. If payment is left in the drop box you must

include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you'd like a receipt mailed to you. Receipts can be emailed upon request at no cost.

Town Clerk's Office:

Sandy Romano, Town Clerk
603-632-5001, Ext. 5403
townclerk@enfield.nh.us

The Town Clerk's Office is closed to in office visits except by appointment and only for those transaction which must be done in person, i.e. new vehicle registrations, marriage licenses. Vehicle registration renewals, dog license renewals and vital records requests can be done online at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/home/pages/online-payments>, sent by mail, or left in the Town's drop box 24/7. If you have any questions about documentation or payment that is required, please contact the Town Clerk.

ENFIELD COMMUNITY BUILDING

Due to increased incidences of COVID-19 during this fall season, we are again restricting use of the Enfield Community Building. The building will not be available for private rentals until further notice. Use is limited to local groups and Town sponsored activities only. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes as deemed appropriate.

A revised scheduling policy and revised Building Rental Rules were approved by the Board of Selectmen on November 2, 2020. You can see the updated policy and rules on our website at <https://www.enfield.nh.us/administration-town-manager/pages/community-building-rental>.

Please note, however, that under the current circumstances we are not doing the normal year end scheduling. When the Community Building is open for more regular use we will be sure to post a notice to that effect.

FIREFIGHTERS & EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT

If you are interested in helping to protect and care for people in your community, the Town of Enfield's Fire Department and Ambulance Service welcome the opportunity to talk with you. Both departments are "call" departments and participation requirements are flexible in recognition that members will be juggling other professional or personal obligations. Members are compensated on an hourly basis for time spent in training, responding to calls, or other related activities.



Relevant training and certifications (i.e., Firefighter I or II, EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, etc.) are highly desired, but formal training can be provided to individuals who are willing to make the commitment.

Crises like the COVID-19 pandemic serve as a sobering reminder of just how critically important first responders are, and we hope that you will seriously consider how you can help.

Interested parties should contact the Fire Chief (603-359-5206 or fcummings@enfield.nh.us) or Ambulance Chief (603-304-9324 or efirefighter32@yahoo.com). We hope to hear from you!

HIGH-SPEED/FIBER OPTIC CABLE INTERNET ACCESS

In recent months, an ad hoc committee comprised of local residents with interest and expertise in the telecommunications industry has been formed to identify and advance ways in which access to high-speed internet can be improved in the Town of Enfield. The Land Use & Community Development Administrator is serving as the staff lead on this effort.

Although the NH FastRoads initiative resulted in a major build-out of “middle mile” fiber optic cable throughout a majority of public roads in Enfield several years ago, the current owner of the fiber optic infrastructure (FirstLight) has signaled a lack of interest or willingness to connect new residential customers. Improving residential access to high-speed internet is essential for the Town of Enfield as it will help us attract and retain residents. The working group is exploring a variety of possible solutions, some of which may involve state or federal legislative action.



Interested in learning more about this effort? Contact Rob Taylor, Land Use & Community Development Administrator, at 603-442-5427 or planning@enfield.nh.us.

OFFICIAL TOWN WEBSITE – SUBSCRIBE TO NEWS & ALERTS

Many receiving this e-newsletter have already done so, but for those who get the link from other sources, we encourage you to subscribe to News & Alerts on our Town website. <https://www.enfield.nh.us/subscribe>

Enter your email address. For general News & Announcements, which includes notice of this newsletter) check the box for **Town News & Announcements**. Check boxes for any other information you want to receive directly to your email address, such as meeting agendas or minutes. Check the box **I'm not a robot**, then click "Subscribe Me." It's as easy as that.

We plan during the coming year to more fully utilize the News & Announcements for various departments. This year we began with updates on the Assessing Department page of the progress of the full town-wide revaluation of property. Community news items appear on the Community & Businesses page – check it out!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Do you want to become more involved in your community? Then you're in luck! Several volunteer positions are still open. You can access our Application for Committee Membership here:

http://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/membershipapp_0.pdf

Do you love our wide selection of recreation programs for children and adults alike? Then join our **Recreation Commission!** We currently have four openings. This group works with the Enfield Recreation Director to develop a wide variety of recreation programs for residents of all ages. The Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month (meetings typically take place in the Whitney Hall conference room in the Enfield Town Offices, but these meetings are being postponed due to COVID-19). You can see what the committee has been up to on their webpage here:

<http://www.enfield.nh.us/parks-recreation>

Do your interests lie in economic development? Then the **Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Committee** may be for you. This committee currently has three openings for a five-member committee. Applicants for this committee must live within the Enfield TIF District or immediately adjacent to it or own a business in the TIF District. This committee, advisory to the Board of Selectmen, is charged with maintenance and implementation of the District Plan. The TIF Committee meets on an as needed basis, generally less than once a month, at the convenience of its members.

Or perhaps your interests lean toward Planning or Zoning. The Planning Board reviews and makes determinations on site plans and the **Planning Board presently has openings for alternate members**. Meetings of the Planning Board are on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that has the responsibility for special exceptions and variances of the Town Zoning Ordinance. We have

openings for **Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) alternates**. Meetings of the ZBA are the second Tuesday of each month (as needed).

Release your inner party planner! Join our **Old Home Days Committee!** Many hands make light work! This group organizes our annual Old Home Days Celebration which takes place the last full weekend of July. The Old Home Days Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month from February – July at 5:30 PM, with a couple of additional meetings in June and July as needed to prepare for the festivities.

Regrettably, we have canceled 2020 activities due to COVID-19, but the Committee looks forward to planning events for a 2021 celebration.

2019 was a successful weekend of Old Home Days! Check out the events held in 2019:

<https://www.enfield.nh.us/sites/enfieldnh/files/uploads/ohdflyer2019.pdf>

And check out the Enfield Old Home Days Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOldHomeDays/>

Find us at www.enfield.nh.us and [Facebook!](https://www.facebook.com/EnfieldOldHomeDays/)

